

Church News.

FROM MILTON, OREGON.

It is my desire to have brethren move in this place and organize a church of the Brethren. I think this would be a good place for Brethren to come to locate, (providing they have some means to go on) for various reasons. First, I think if the Brethren would come in here and preach the Gospel in its purity, there is no doubt in my mind but that they could build up a large church in a little while. People here are generally church going people, and the most of them church members of various churches. There are five church houses within a mile from our house, but none preaches the Gospel as I understand it, or as the Brethren understand it. My wife and myself belong to the Brethren, and we have six children grown. Three of them are married, none of them belongs to any church, and I would be pleased to have a church of the Brethren organized here and have all of my children join them. For this is the only church I think that is trying to follow all the commandments as laid down by Christ and his apostles. The inducements for Brethren to locate here are numerous. This is just such a country as brethren generally like to locate. A fine looking country, as well as a fine producing country, a good wheat, oats and barley country, vegetable and all kinds of fruit, such as apples, pears, plums, prunes, peaches, apricots, cherries and berries of all kinds. Strawberries do well here. We raise them by the car load, and ship them east to large cities by the wholesale. Also blackberries, raspberries and grapes grow as fine as anywhere in the United States. We have nice running water, as clear as crystal, fish in abundance, health generally good, no extreme cold or heat. At present, people are plowing. There have not been more than 10 days this winter but what people could plow. Last year we had ripe cherries by the 5th of May. The coldest weather we have had this or last winter was 12 or 15 degrees above zero. This is what is known as the Walla Valley, Oregon, near the line of the State of Washington. There are no licensed saloons in the city of Milton. The Campbellites are having a protracted meeting here now. Last night there were not less than 300 people out to hear them. Nothing could please me so well as seeing fifteen or twenty good families of Brethren move in here and start up a church. There is a large college building here, large enough to accommodate about one hundred and fifty scholars at a time, for sale, cheap, formerly occupied by the

Seven Day Adventist. I would like to see the Brethren come and occupy it. It is a fine location, and I think would pay some of our brethren to come and take a hold of it. By so doing, I think our Brethren could build up a large church here. Not here only, but also all over Eastern Oregon and Western Washington. Now will you try to take a hold of this and send a man out to see for himself and spread the Gospel in this part of God's moral vineyard in its purity. Hoping you will do all in your power to grant favors asked for.

FROM DOWAGIAC, MICH.

To all our dear brethren.—This message comes to strengthen, encourage and help the cause of the Master. On Saturday, Feb. 8, we drove over to the Almena church, about 25 miles from our home, and found them all hopeful and interested in the Master's cause. They expect to commence a protracted effort on Thursday eve, Feb. 13, with Brother Yoder of Lake Odessa, Mich., at the helm. The K. C. Society which we helped to organize four weeks previous, is in a prosperous condition with about 52 members on the roll. Had a good meeting last night. Pray for us here in Michigan.

FROM MIDDLE BRANCH, O.

Although reports from this place are not as frequent as they might be I am under obligations to my friends to give a few items to the EVANGELIST.

In the first place, I desire to return thanks to the people of Middle Branch for a beautiful Holman new self-pronouncing index Bible. Something so much needed by every student of the Bible. It would be no more than just to say that sister Grace Wise figured very prominently in this much appreciated gift.

Mrs. Kimmel also desires to return thanks to brother Charles Hill and to sister Basil Wise for so kindly remembering her.

We closed our revival meeting at Middle Branch on Jan. 31, Sister Grossnickle preaching the last two nights. Twelve were baptized, and three more promised that they would come soon. The church is much built up and encouraged. It is very gratifying to me at the close of my three year's work, when I think of how well this field was cultivated by I. D. Bowman and E. B. Shaver for four years. And yet God has blessed the work since then to such an extent that I have had the pleasure of receiving by baptism and relation 104 members, a congregation in itself, with a number more ready to come. May God bless the work everywhere.

J. L. KIMMEL.

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FROM LAPAZ, IND.

As I have never written for the EVANGELIST, I will make my first attempt. We have a large congregation here, and we are serving our Master. We have K. C. meeting every Sunday night and preaching every four weeks. Brother Miller is our pastor. He is full of the holy spirit, and righteousness, and he is loved by all his dear brothers and sisters. He is noted for preaching "Gospel alone." We thank God for sending us one of his servants whose heart is filled with the holy spirit, and can preach the Gospel to us. He has done very much good in our neighborhood, but still there are some who have not learned of him, how he suffered and died for them. They do not realize that Christ died for them and how much they need his tender care. There are so many, especially the young men, who are like the prodigal son, who wandered away and wasted his father's goods. By and by he became poor and needy, and thought what great wrong he had done. He thought of his father and how wrong it had been for him to leave his father in the first place. Then he rose and went to his father, and asked his father to forgive for all that he had done. I hope those who are out of the ark of safety will be like the son, will return back to their father and ask to be forgiven while they have time and opportunity. Now my prayer is that our heavenly Father will be with our dear brothers and sisters and bless us freely with his holy spirit and his saving grace, that we may accomplish a good work for our Master.

ADA A. JAMESON.

BASHOR AT BROOKLYN, IOWA.

Brother Bashor gave us two able sermons, Jan. 27 and 28, 7:30 P. M., which were highly appreciated by all who heard him. As Brother Bashor is well known at Brooklyn, he may always expect full houses with proper announcements.

On Wednesday evening, Jan. 29, 8 P. M., he delivered his lecture entitled "Leaders and Misleaders of our times" which was brim full of good common sense and solid facts. It was a gleaming of the best from all sources: Science, philosophy and religion. Even that part touching political matters was nonpartisan and to the point. The lecture was well delivered, and was a pleasing address highly spoken of by all who heard it.

No one carefully listening to one of Brother Bashor's sermons or lectures, need go away without learning something. May God so overrule Brother Bashor that he may wholly engage in his ministry, is my prayer.

C. FORNEY.